

## PATENT

**B. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the section entitled RELATED APPLICATIONS, on page 1, lines 4-16, as follows:

This application is related to the following co-pending U.S. Patent ~~Application~~ Applications filed on the same day as the present application and having the same inventor and assignee: "System and Method for Placement of User-Negotiated Security Features on Ticket Items," (Docket No. AUS9-2001-0143-US1, Serial Number 09/817,867); "System and Method for Processing Ticket Items with Customer Security Features," (Docket No. AUS9-2001-0230-US1, Serial Number 09/817,866); "System and Method for Maintaining User Security Features," (Docket No. AUS9-2001-0279-US1, Serial Number 09/817,891); and "System and Method for Binding and Unbinding Ticket Items with User-Negotiated Security Features," (Docket No. AUS9-2001-0280-US1, Serial Number 09/817,844) each by Dutta and each assigned to the IBM Corporation.

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